To: 11H Students

From: Stacy

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Subject: *The Freedom Writers Diary* Final Project

Your Task:

As your culminating project for *The Freedom Writers Diary*, I would like you to reflect on the idea of change. It means something different to all of us, but one this is for certain, change is inevitable. It happens whether we want it to or not, whether we think we need it or not, and we all have to deal with it.

This book looks at the power an individual has. What happens when you stand up for what’s right when everyone else seems against you, or raise your voice louder and stronger than those on the sidelines because you want to make a difference in the world? Is it true that one person really can change the world?

These are the ideas you should explore in the project, and how you present those ideas is completely up to you. Here are some ideas to get your creative juices flowing:

* Find music and choreograph a dance
* Write and perform a song
* Paint, draw, sculpt, build something
* Write and perform a scene or one-act play
* Produce a short film (three-five minutes)
* Write a series (three-five) or one epic poem
* Write a short story

Whatever you do, make sure that your thoughts about change are somehow incorporated into your piece. I would like a written explanation (at least one page) of your work – how you came up with the idea for it, what it means to you in regard to change…

We will present these projects on Wednesday, **October 13 and Friday, October 15**, so be ready!!!!! Please see me if you have any questions.